President.—Not at all.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Then the Hon'ble Member must admit that he is not in a position to answer the question.

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—What is the position, please?

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether the Government admit the correctness of the answer?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—The answer given here is quite correct.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—How do the Government account for the conflict of interests of the non-officials and the Government in view of the fact that the Government have not given effect to the resolutions passed by this House?

President.—I overrule the question.

Education—expenditure.

22. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state our average annual expenditure on Education and what portion of it they spend on technical education?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—The average annual expenditure for the past 3 years on literary and technical education together was Rs. 15,38,680. About 7% of it is spent on technical education.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is not that 7 per cent too low for the purpose?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—I do not think so.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—In view of the urgent necessity for an all round State industrialisation and economic development of this country, do not the Government think that far more grants for the technical side should be given?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—The present condition of the State finances do not allow such liberal grants being made. As in the general education, we can have two or three grades in industrial education also; for example, the elementary one for the working classes, something which will do for the maistry or the supervising class and the University education type for the higher people. It is all possible. But 16 or 17 lakhs of rupees would have to be given. That is not possible in the present state of the finances of the State. We have to cut our coat according to the cloth.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—If it is simply a question of finance, are there not methods by which the Government can realise more money?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Since this 7 per cent allotted for technical education is too low, is it not very easy to change the

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proportion and make it at least 14 per cent or make some other adjustments?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I was asking about Government's intention.

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—They have not considered it.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will they be pleased to consider it in future?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—It can be considered.

Agricultural indebtedness.

23. Mr. K.M. Ibrahim.—Avderting to question No. 393 of the last sitting regarding an unrealised promise of the Government to solve the problem of our Agricultural Indebtedness will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the reasons for the long delay in such a vital matter;

(b) the time that has elapsed between now and their first promise;

(c) the number of times with dates when they reiterated the promise;

(d) whether any meeting of the departmental heads has assembled in the meanwhile to discuss the matter and if it has whether they will be pleased to place a copy of the proceedings of the same on the table?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) There has been no unnecessary delay.

(b) and (c) The Member is referred to the Legislative Council Proceedings.

(d) No further meeting was held, and hence the latter part of the sub-division does not arise.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know, Sir, the harm in giving out the matter itself in order to facilitate our work in this Council? We were simply referred to the wilderness of Proceedings.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Is it proper, Sir, to refer the Hon'ble Members to the Council Proceedings?

President.—I shall note this point and I will bring it to the notice of the Government.

Fan in the Legislative Council Library—Repairs of.

24. Mr. K.M. Ibrahim.—Referring to question No. 391 of the last sitting, will the Government be pleased to give reasons why 19 days were required for repairing a fan?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Since the Council was not in session then, and since more urgent works had to be attended to, the fan could not be repaired earlier.

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